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SUBJ: PANAMANIAN POSITION ON RESOLUTION 242

REF: (A) STATE 148354; (B) STATE 162623; (C) STATE 163147

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS REF. A, EMBOFF AUGUST 8 QUERIED JUVENAL CASTRELLON, DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AFFAIRS, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS, REGARDING PANAMANIAN POSITION ON RESOLUTION 242 IN LIGHT OF PANAMA'S VOTE ON JULY 26 NON-ALIGNED RESOLUTION. EMBOFF NOTED US CONCERN OVER IMPACT OF NON-ALIGNED RESOLUTION HAD IT PASSED AND SPECIFICALLY INQUIRED WHETHER GOP'S POSITION ON RES 242 HAD CHANGED. CASTRELLON AND DEPUTY, PEDRO BRIN, APPEARED NOT BE FAMILIAR WITH THE ISSUES INVOLVED AND DEFERRED REPLY UNTIL THEY COULD DISCUSS MATTER WITH FOREIGN MINISTER TACK.

2. ON AUGUST 22 AND 27, BRIN AND CASTRELLON RESPECTIVELY INFORMED EMBOFFS THAT THEY WERE NOW ABLE TO STATE THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO RPT NO CHANGE IN PANAMANIAN SUPPORT FOR RESOLUTION 242. WHILE
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NEITHER ATTEMPTED DIRECTLY TO RECONCILE TWO

VOTES, BRIN SAID GOP HAD VOTED IN FAVOR OF JULY 26
UNSC RESOLUTION -- AS IT HAD MORE RECENT CENSURE OF
ISRAEL -- BECAUSE IT WAS PANAMANIAN POLICY TO OPPOSE
TERRORISM, COLONIALISM, IMPERIALISM AND SKYJACKING.
BOTH OFFICIALS NOTED THAT AMBASSADOR BOYD WAS IN TOWN
FOR CONSULTATIONS AND IMPLIED THAT DELAY IN RESPONSE
TO QUERY RESULTED FROM DESIRE TO CHECK MATTER WITH HIM.

3. EMBOFFS ALSO TOOK OCCASION OF AUGUST 27 MEETING
WITH CASTRELLON TO RUN DOWN ISSUES AT UP-COMING UNGA
PER REFS B AND C. WHILE NOT COMMENTING EXTENSIVELY
ON INDIVIDUAL ISSUES, CASTRELLON NOTED GOP IN AGREEMENT
WITH US ON KOREAN QUESTION -- AS WELL AS MOST OTHER
ITEMS -- AND EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR PRESENTATION
OF US VIEWS.
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